

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2300

February 18, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the State Board of Education (SBE) and the Department of Safety (DOS) to strive to ensure that the DARE program curriculum is periodically updated to include the dangers of new forms of substance abuse, such as synthetic drugs, when they are identified as societal problems.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on information from the Department of Education, the DARE curriculum used by local education agencies in Tennessee is a national curriculum based in California. The curriculum has been updated by the national program and is slated for release in February 2012.
- The SBE and DOS do not control the national curriculum or updates to it.
- Any revisions jointly updated by the SBE and DOS as required under these provisions will be utilized in addition to this DARE curriculum offered in schools.
- The additional information periodically updated by SBE and DOS will be provided to the LEAs free of charge electronically or via placement on a website.
- Any increase in state expenditures to hold periodic meetings and to provide additional information to DARE programs in Tennessee will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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